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U.S. National Stage Application of PCT/EP03/08022  
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Insert the following paragraph on a new line after the title:

This application is a § 371 application of PCT/EP03/08204, which claims priority from DE 10238093.7.

First paragraph, following the title:

~~Specification~~ BACKGROUND

Insert the following on a new line before the first paragraph on page 2:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Insert the following on a new line before after the fourth paragraph on page 3:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Insert the following on a new line before first paragraph on page 4:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Page 4, third full paragraph:

With each additional activation and each activation of the control device which follows, at least one part of the identifiers of at least one module of the control device, such as for example of the microcomputer, is read out again and a key is generated from these identifiers or part of these identifiers. If ~~subsequently~~ subsequent access to the data which are stored in the E<sup>2</sup>PROM and which have been encrypted by means of the original key takes place, when the memory modules assigned to the microcomputer and the E<sup>2</sup>PROM are identical, the encrypted data are decrypted by the key which has been regenerated again and they can be used in the microcomputer to control the assigned motor vehicle components. If, conversely, one of the modules has been replaced, the key generated by the microcomputer for decryption does not agree with the encryption and the data stored on the E<sup>2</sup>PROM cannot be correctly accessed.